

“Kingdom People - Called to Greatness”

We have been unpacking the incredible subject of the “Kingdom of God”. We have travelled together looking at:

- Kingdom Purpose
- Kingdom Living
- Kingdom Mandate
- Kingdom Power

What would be the good of having studied each of these if we didn't have any *Kingdom People* to embrace and embody the Kingdom of God and be empowered and released to do great exploits by the Power of God? I believe every person is called to be great and do great exploits.

A smallness of spirit and a limited mindset are a trap and a snare to you becoming the person God made you to be!

We really need to get seriously past the fear of success and embrace the truth that God made us
ALL for greatness right where we are!

GOD CREATED YOU TO PERFORM GREAT EXPLOITS!

DANIEL 11:32 (NKJV)

Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.

The ‘he’ in this verse speaks of the King of the North, the King of Babylon.

When we read the Bible we often read things in the Old Testament as the ‘literal’ or ‘natural’ events that happened.

We can bring into our lives now the ‘spiritual’ lessons learned from the literal lessons of the Old Testament so that we will live redeemed by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Let the Spiritual lessons shape us in ‘our’ natural world.

JOHN 14:12 (NIV)

I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

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Every single person born into this world was born with greatness within. Every single person born into this world was made to do something great.

We MUST realise that God has a call to greatness upon each of us ...not necessarily to go off on some crusade to some foreign country but to be great in exactly the place that you are in right now: Home, School, Workplace, Business, Committee, Trust, Council ... etc. etc.

Never allow the thought—‘I am of no use where I am’; because you certainly can be of no use where you are not!
Oswald Chambers, My Utmost for His Highest

Inside every single person listening to this message there resides an extraordinary individual.

“I see a generation awakening to the extraordinary qualities hidden within. The power to live an exceptional life is not defined by an individual’s family, education or occupation; it is a disposition of the heart. Unless it is suppressed, there is an innate desire to rise above the norm. Now is the time for the Church to step into the unknown, embrace the divine empowerment and to live extraordinary lives.”
John Bevere

“Disposition” = nature, character, temperament, outlook

MATTHEW 5:16

Let your light so shine before men that they will see your good works and given your Father in Heaven Glory!

“God is not looking for a moment to invade – He is looking for His people to come into agreement with Him and thus usher Him in”.

I have met numerous believers who have struggled with understanding messages of this type. These ones have tended to look at the ‘Ministry List’ in EPHESIANS 4:11

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers”

... and if they do not recognise themselves in any of the 'famous 5', they disqualify themselves of being of any use. The sad thing is that they do not keep reading through into verses 12 through 16.

(NCV) - Christ gave those gifts to prepare God's holy people for the work of serving, to make the body of Christ stronger.¹³ This work must continue until we are all joined together in the same faith and in the same knowledge of the Son of God. We must become like a mature person, growing until we become like Christ and have his perfection.

¹⁴ Then we will no longer be babies. We will not be tossed about like a ship that the waves carry one way and then another. We will not be influenced by every new teaching we hear from people who are trying to fool us. They make plans and try any kind of trick to fool people into following the wrong path. ¹⁵ No! Speaking the truth with love, we will grow up in every way into Christ, who is the head. ¹⁶ The whole body depends on Christ, and all the parts of the body are joined and held together. Each part does its own work to make the whole body grow and be strong with love.

Last week I made these following two statements:

- False humility will keep us from being all God has called us to be and will also keep us from our Destiny.

There are some who disqualify themselves from God working through them because of false humility. We need to accept that the Creator of the Universe is the one who empowers us with His Holy Spirit!

Moses is described as being the '*most humble of all men*' - Moses wrote that book!

John is described as being '*the disciple whom Jesus loved*'; - John is the one who wrote that!

- Faith only looks like arrogance to those who have unbelief RULING in their hearts and minds.

LUKE 4:18-19

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

SO HOW DO WE LEARN TO FUNCTION IN THIS GREANESS?

We need to learn from the characters in the Bible that are an example to us all.

GENESIS 6:13 – Noah: “And God said to Noah”

GENESIS 12:2 – Abram: “Now the Lord said to Abram, ‘I will make you a great nation’”

EXODUS 3:3 – Moses: “And God called to Moses”

EXODUS 11:3 – Israelites: “And the Lord gave the people favour, moreover Moses was very great in the land of Egypt”

JUDGES 6:12 – Gideon: “And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him and said to him, ‘The Lord is with you, you mighty man of valour’”

2 SAMUEL 5:10 - David: “So David went on and became great, and the Lord of hosts was with him.”

ACTS 9:4-5 – Saul: “Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ Who are you? ‘I am Jesus’

2 CORINTHIANS 4:7 “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the Power may be of God and not of us.”

EPHESIANS 1:19 “And what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power.”

All of those I have listed (and that only a few) had a PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD!
It ‘flicked a switch in them to “ON”!

I have often used the phrase “*Saul had a head-on collision with God and never recovered*”.

WHAT IS GREATNESS?

Greatness is:

The possession of inner convictions which enable you to overcome and transcend external outer influences thus enabling you to serve the purposes of God in Godly Power, Blessings and Fulfillment.

Sometimes we are so focussed and trapped in our own stuff that we completely miss that we have a Companion on our journey. We travel with Greatness ... His name is God.

THE GREATNESS OF GOD GIVES ME FREEDOM TO BE GREAT!

What a culture is a culture grows.

Culture grows from your inner unshakable convictions.

8 CONVICTIONS TO LIVE A LIFE OF GREATNESS

ISAIAH 5:1-2

Now let me sing to my Well-beloved A song of my Beloved regarding His vineyard: My Well-beloved has a vineyard On a very fruitful hill. He dug it up and cleared out its stones, And planted it with the choicest vine. He built a tower in its midst, And also made a winepress in it; So He expected it to bring forth good grapes, But it brought forth wild grapes.

1. PURCHASED: (Purchased a Vineyard)

I HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FOR GREATNESS

I need to not look at myself now but realise that price that was paid for me.

It is not the form I was born in, the past I have come from, the surroundings I live in – BUT THE PRICE THAT WAS PAID FOR ME!

2. POSITIONED: (Positioned on a very fruitful hill)

I AM POSITIONED FOR GREATNESS

I don't need to change my geographical position. I need to change my attitude, my 'inner position', change my 'conviction'.

3. PREPARED: (He dug it up and cleared out its stones)

I AM BEING PREPARED FOR GREATNESS

What is happening right now in my life is preparing me for "*greater things than these*". IT IS A CONVICTION. It's a conviction that we will get through the pits and slavery.

Check out Joseph's life ... how many 'pits' did he go through – both literally and figuratively.

NB: The cloak of greatness sits best over the clothes of humility.

PSALM 37:23-24

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

Joseph's brothers 'sold him out' – God 'sent him out'. His journey was ordained!

4. PLANTED: (He planted it with choicest vines)

I AM PLANTED WITH THE CHOICEST AND GREATEST FOR GREATNESS

It is a conviction that grows a culture and a culture is what a culture is!

5. PROTECTED: (And he built a tower to protect it)

I AM PROTECTED BY GREATNESS

Q. Who is/are the watchtowers in my life?

Many people don't have a 'watch tower' because they won't be 'planted'. Thus they don't belong and such as these are not protected.

6. PRESSED: (He also built a winepress)

I WILL BE PRESSED TO PRODUCE GREATNESS

We are being pressed to produce a 'vintage wine'. We are not about our own little boutique – but it is about being planted in God's vineyard and out in His press and being part of a Kingdom Vintage.

7. PURPOSED: (So He expects it to bring forth good grapes)

I HAVE A DIVINE PURPOSE OF GREATNESS.

God expects me to produce good grapes/fruit. He does not expect us to live dysfunctional lives. He expects us to produce.

8. PERSONAL CHOICE: (He expected – but it brought forth...)

IT IS NOW MY CHOICE

My call is to either produce a good crop or live a life as a wild, unprotected, unpruned, untrained vine whose fruit is sour and not fit for the table of the King.

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Prayer:

- Thank you Lord for paying the price to purchase me
- Position me and plant me within your vineyard
- Prepare me and make me a choice vine that will produce great fruit
- I willingly place myself under the protection of your appointed watch tower
- I submit myself to Your winepress
- I make myself available for Your purposes
- I choose You because You first chose me
- I declare that I am in the right location for growth
- I declare that this is the best year of my life
- This is my inheritance – greatness!